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Ryan Urging Check on CIA By Congress

Washington, May 10 (AP)—Rep. William Fitts Ryan, (D-N-Y.), said today the time is ripe for Congress to establish a watchdog committee over the government's foreign information and intelligence efforts.

"The Central Intelligence Agency has no inherent right to establish and maintain a foreign policy of its own," Ryan said.

A resolution he drafted for introduction in the House would set up a House-Senate watchdog group.

The move to strengthen the Congressional hand in intelligence matters stems from last month's abortive Cuban invasion attempt. The CIA was blamed in some quarters for poor intelligence in connection with the invasion.

Ryan's resolution would give Congress more direct control over the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Information Agency and information and intelligence units in the Defense. Dept.

"It is high time," Ryan said, "that the Legislative branch... take positive steps to bring the CIA and similar agencies under close Congressional supervision."

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